

Mr. Chabot; Mr. Toomey; Mr. DeMint; Mr. Graves; Mr. Schrock; Mr. Akin; Mrs. Capito; Mr. Shuster; Mrs. Musgrave; Mr. Franks of Arizona; Mr. Gerlach; Mr. Bradley of New Hampshire and Mr. Beauprez.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Petri; Mr. Boehlert; Mr. Coble; Mr. Duncan; Mr. Gilchrest; Mr. Mica; Mr. Hoekstra; Mr. Quinn; Mr. Ehlers; Mr. Bachus; Mr. LaTourette; Mrs. Kelly; Mr. Baker; Mr. Ney; Mr. LoBiondo; Mr. Moran of Kansas; Mr. Gary Miller of California; Mr. DeMint; Mr. Bereuter; Mr. Isakson; Mr. Hayes; Mr. Simmons; Mrs. Capito; Mr. Brown of South Carolina; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Rehberg; Mr. Platts; Mr. Graves; Mr. Kennedy of Minnesota; Mr. Shuster; Mr. Boozman; Mr. Sullivan; Mr. Choccola; Mr. Beauprez; Mr. Burgess; Mr. Burns; Mr. Pearce; Mr. Gerlach; Mr. Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida and Mr. Porter.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Biliakakis; Mr. Everett; Mr. Buyer; Mr. Quinn; Mr. Stearns; Mr. Moran of Kansas; Mr. Gibbons; Mr. Baker; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Brown of South Carolina; Mr. Miller of Florida; Mr. Boozman; Mr. Bradley of New Hampshire; Mr. Beauprez; Ms. Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida and Mr. Renzi.

Committee on Ways and Means: Mr. Crane; Mr. Shaw; Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut; Mr. Houghton; Mr. Herger; Mr. McCrery; Mr. Camp; Mr. Ramstad; Mr. Nussle; Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas; Ms. Dunn; Mr. Collins; Mr. Portman; Mr. English; Mr. Hayworth; Mr. Weller; Mr. Hulshof; Mr. McInnis; Mr. Lewis of Kentucky; Mr. Foley; Mr. Brady of Texas; Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin and Mr. Cantor.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING CLEAR THE RESOLVE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it was written long ago that without a vision, the people perish. Tonight, the President of the United States from this very Chamber will offer a vision of moral clarity and purpose and resolve for the American people and the world.

It will be resolve to see our war on terror through to its just conclusion and protect our people; it will be resolve against any rogue state who, through its weapons or associations, threatens our peace and security; it will be resolve to renew our economy during struggling recessionary times and resolve to renew our cities through a faith-based initiative; and it will be resolve to keep our promises to seniors in reforming and expanding Medicare.

The President will describe our challenges at home and abroad as clear; but this President, Mr. Speaker, will make the resolve of the American people to overcome these challenges clearer still.

WEAKENING TITLE IX NOT AN OPTION

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn any weakening of Title IX.

This week a national commission will vote on various proposals to reform Title IX for the Secretary of Education, Rod Paige. Since 1972, Title IX has made landmark strides to prohibit sex discrimination in education and to reverse discrimination against women in collegiate sports. However, under one proposal, women would be given only 43 percent of collegiate scholarships versus the 55 percent of enrollment in universities.

Critics of Title IX are saying that the law should be revised according to female interest. However, since its enactment, athletic participation by women in college has increased five times, despite the lack of resources devoted to make it an attractive thing to do.

Title IX has been a cornerstone for improvements for women not just in sports, but in key areas such as standardized testing, higher education and math and science employment. Until women are equal in all areas, weakening of Title IX should not be an option.

TRIBUTE TO MONIQUE BROWN

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, just last week a beautiful young woman named Monique Brown died and went home to be with her Maker. Monique worked in my office as my legislative correspondent.

A month ago Monique was released from the hospital just in time to get married, giving her husband Christopher the opportunity to love her and care for her at home. He did so with amazing integrity and dedication. But then Monique returned to the hospital, where she fell into a coma and soon passed away.

Mr. Speaker, Monique was only 23 years old. She had a strong faith, and, though she wanted to live, the prospect of dying did not frighten her at all.

In Psalm 39 David wrote, "Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life."

"You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before You."

"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in You."

Monique's hope was always in the Lord, but she does not need to hope anymore. She is now with her Lord.

SADDAM HUSSEIN, A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE WORLD

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, when we think of terrorism, we often limit our thoughts to just Afghanistan, but we must not forget the despicable role Iraq has played in supporting, training and harboring international terrorist organizations.

There are many reasons why Iraq is no friend to the free world. There are many reasons why Saddam Hussein poses a detrimental threat to the United States and the entire world.

It has been said time and time again that Iraq possesses chemical and biological weapons and that Saddam is ready and willing to use his arsenal against innocent civilians, even his own people. Just imagine what would happen if Saddam gave these weapons, capable of killing entire populations, to terrorists like the al Qaeda.

We cannot bury our heads in the sand and say, "Oh, he wouldn't do that." Saddam Hussein has lied to the words for over a decade and continues to defy the United Nations. He not only provides a safe harbor for terrorists, but provides them with state-of-the-art training camps. He cannot be trusted. He poses a serious threat to the United States, and he must be disarmed to protect the freedom and lives of Americans.

COMMENDING ANOTHER YEAR OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S LEADERSHIP

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, President Bush has shown courageous leadership on many fronts since his last State of the Union Address a year ago.

In November, the President moved forward in the war on terrorism by securing a unanimous vote by the United Nations Security Council to force Saddam Hussein to disarm. Day by day, these inspectors uncover more evidence of Iraq's noncompliance and continued threat to Americans and our allies. As a result, President Bush is building a coalition to secure a regime change in Iraq. On this issue, the President is not just leading America, he is leading the freedom-loving world.

The President continues to work with our allies to capture al Qaeda terrorists wherever they may be hiding, and he has pushed for the creation of a new Department of Homeland Security.

I applaud the President for his leadership and inspiration to the American people, and I know tonight's State of the Union Address will send a message to the world that America is strong, united, determined and prepared to take on the challenges of 2003.